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none of the sensationalism which has marred some of the "True" series no one need be told that General Wilson has given the story in a very interesting way. He has treated Grant's career as politician and president with the same care as he has studied his military career. The personality of the great Union leader is brought out in a way not usual in military biographies. The book is a distinct addition to American biography.

ESSAYS POLITICAL AND HISTORICAL. BY CHARLEMAGNE TOWER. Author of "The Marquis De LaFayette in the American Revolution;" Former Minister of the United States to Austria-Hungary, Ambassador to Russia and Germany. Philadelphia and London. J. B. Lippincott Company. 1914; pp. 306.

There have been but few Americans in public life who have had the opportunity of feeling the pulse of European sentiment as has Charlemagne Tower, the distinguished ex-member of our diplomatic service. In this volume with the exception of two essays concerning interesting features of the American Revolution the author treats the subjects dealing with the United States as a world power, with our country in relation to the other nations of the world. The European attitude towards the Monroe Doctrine, the Treaty Obligations of the United States Relating to the Panama Canal, The Relations of the United States to Arbitration for the Settlement of International Disputes, these and others of similar significance are matters concerning which all Americans intelligently interested in affairs political will be anxious to consider as treated by an experienced international statesman. There could be no more opportune time for the publication of this volume.

The political essays are especially interesting in that they treat of subjects concerning which there is much talk but precious little specific knowledge, and in that they deal of matters that may well be of vital import to us in the near future, but the historical essays while not on such vital matters possess a real interest in that they delve in questions concerning which there is much discussion among both American and English historians: the civil and military actions of Lord Cornwallis and General Howe during the Revolution. It is one of the most fascinating questions for us to settle with regard to our War for Independence.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LOWER NORFOLK COUNTY AND NORFOLK COUNTY WILLS, 1637-1710. By Charles Fleming McIntosh, of Norfolk, Va. Published by the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia [Richmond], 1914. For sale by the Bell Book & Stationery Co., Richmond, Va., pp. 223, with full index.

With the exception of the valuable *Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Antiquary*, which contains only extracts of various dates, the remarkable collection of county records now in the clerk's office at Portsmouth, Va., has been little accessible to persons outside of Norfolk. With the exception of the Northampton County records at Eastville this is the oldest

series of county records in the State. It is a subject of great regret that the rich county of Norfolk should be so indifferent to them, and should allow them to decay unchecked. The writer of this notice has some abstracts made from these records twenty years ago which show how much these records have deteriorated since that time. For instance the will of Wm. Crawford (1700) was then almost perfect. It is to be hoped that the county authorities will not allow this condition to remain; but will at once have these precious records repaired in the most modern way.

Mr. McIntosh in preparing these abstracts (which he presented to the Colonial Dames), has done a most laborious and valuable work, and the Society has made a real contribution to our historic material by publishing them.

The stable character of the population of Norfolk and Princess Ann is remarkably illustrated by these books, and there are hundreds of names which are now found or recently existed in the vicinity. Among them are Bain, Ballentine, Batchelor, Bonney, Burroughs, Bowers, Brough, Butts, Capps, Cornick, Corprew, Culpeper, Etheridge, Fentress, Ferebee, Ivey, Keeling, Kemp, Land, Langley, Lawson, Malbone, Mason, Moore, Moseley, Nash, Newton, Old, Porter, Portlock, Sayer, Sherwood, Sikes, Spratt, Taylor, Thorowgood, Thurston, Veale, Walke, Herbert, Williamson and many others well known.

By a misprint one of the entries in the index which should be Moseley is printed as Moreley.

The book is beautifully printed and has a very complete index and should have a large sale.

GENEALOGY OF THE VIRGINIA FAMILY OF LOMAX, with References to the Lunsford, Wormeley, Micou, Roy, Corbln [&, &c]. Chicago, Rand-McNally & Co., 1913, pp. 79, with ten portraits and three coats of arms.

There has evidently been a sufficient demand for this privately printed genealogy, favorably noticed in a former number of our magazine, to cause it to be placed on sale with the publishers.

MAPS RELATING TO VIRGINIA in the Virginia State Library and Other Departments of the Commonwealth, with the 17th and 18th Century Atlas-maps in the Library of Congress. Compiled by Earl G. Swem, Assistant Librarian. Virginia State Library Bulletin, April, July, 1914, Vol. 7, Nos. 2 and 3. Richmond, Davis Bottom, Superintendent of Public Printing, 1914, pp. 233.

The scope of this valuable publication is considerably wider than the title would indicate. Not only are there lists of these maps in the Library and in the office of the Corporation Commission (inherited from the old Board of Public Works) and in the atlases in the Library of Congress, but additional ones are given from a number of other collections.